

**We claim:**

1. A method for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising steps of:

transmitting a signal which indicates the presence of an emergency vehicle to a plurality of vehicles;

5 receiving the signal in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and

generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency vehicle.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a flashing light.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a recorded message.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of an audible tone.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving the signal is comprised of a step of receiving the signal with a receiver that receives FM radio signals.

6. A method for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising steps of:

transmitting a signal which indicates the location of an emergency vehicle to a plurality of vehicles;

5 receiving the signal in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and

generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency vehicle.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a flashing light.
8. The method of claim 6, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a recorded message.
9. The method of claim 6, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of an audible tone.
10. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of receiving the signal is comprised of a step of receiving the signal with a receiver that receives FM radio signals.

11. The method of claim 6, wherein the location information is comprised of GPS data.

~~12.~~ A method for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising steps of:

transmitting a signal which indicates the location and direction of an emergency vehicle to a plurality of vehicles;

5 receiving the signal in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency vehicle.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a flashing light.

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14. The method of claim 12, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of a recorded message.
  15. The method of claim 12, wherein the alarm signal is comprised of an audible tone.
  16. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of receiving the signal is comprised of a step of receiving the signal with a receiver that receives FM radio signals.
  17. The method of claim 12, wherein the location information is comprised of GPS data.
  18. A system for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising:
    - a means for transmitting a signal which indicates the presence of an emergency vehicle to a plurality of vehicles;
    - a means for receiving the signal in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and
    - a means for generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency vehicle in the vehicle.
  19. The system of claim 18, wherein the means for generating an alarm signal is comprised of a flashing light.
  20. The system of claim 18, wherein the means for generating an alarm signal is comprised of a stored message.

21. The system of claim 18, wherein the means for generating an alarm signal is comprised of an audible tone sound source.
22. The system of claim 18, wherein the means for receiving the signal is comprised of an FM radio receiver.
- ~~23.~~ A system for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising:  
a means for transmitting a signal which indicates the location of an emergency vehicle to a plurality of vehicles;  
a means for receiving the signal in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and  
a means for generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency vehicle.
24. The system of claim 23, wherein the means for generating an alarm signal is comprised of a flashing light.
25. The system of claim 23, wherein the means for generating an alarm signal is comprised of a stored message.
26. The system of claim 23, wherein the means for generating an alarm signal is comprised of an audible tone.

27. The system of claim 23, wherein the means for receiving the signal is comprised of an FM radio receiver.

28. The system of claim 23, wherein the location information is comprised of GPS data.

29. A system for alerting vehicles to the presence of an emergency vehicle comprising:  
a means for transmitting a signal which indicates the location and direction of an emergency vehicle to a plurality of vehicles;  
a means for receiving the signal in a vehicle traveling near an emergency vehicle; and  
a means for generating an alarm signal which indicates the presence of the emergency vehicle.

30. The system of claim 29, wherein the means for generating an alarm signal is comprised of a flashing light.

31. The system of claim 29, wherein the means for generating an alarm signal is comprised of a stored message.

32. The system of claim 29, wherein the means for generating an alarm signal is comprised of an audible tone sound source.

33. The system of claim 29, wherein the means for receiving the signal is comprised of an FM radio receiver.

34. The system of claim 29, wherein the location information is comprised of GPS data.